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Title : Need to expedite the completion of various pending railway projects in Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI RAYAPATI SAMBASIVA RAO (GUNTUR): I would like to draw the kind attention of the august House regarding the number of railway projects in Andhra Pradesh which are pending for a long time, particularly in South Central Railway.

I would like to quote a few examples viz., doubling and electrification between Guntur-Tenali-Repalle which have been pending in spite of the fact that the Andhra Pradesh Government had agreed to spend 50% of the cost of the project. In the previous Railway Budget, the hon'ble Minister had stated that the project of doubling and electrification between Pagidipalli (Bibinagar)-Nalgonda-Nallapadu have been sent to the Planning Commission for approval and that resurvey is taking place. But no improvement has taken place in spite of the fact that the Railway authority of South Central Railway has accepted the fact that utilization of this line is more than 120% in 2007 itself. We are in 2010 and yet nothing has happened on this front. Likewise, electrification of Guntur-Guntakal line, which is considered to be the oldest in lines connecting Bay of Bengal at Machilipatnam to Arabian Sea (Goa), is also pending. These all important lines have been converted to broad gauge and it connects many industrial and tourist spots of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Goa.

I, therefore, request the Hon'ble Minister for Railways, through the Chair, to seriously consider the above three projects and order for implementation immediately in the current XI Plan itself as they not only directly helping the people of Andhra Pradesh but also generating the revenue for Railways.